

Curriculum Reviewed, Researched and Updated

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The Metric Conversion Act of 1975 declared that the policy of the U.S. shall be to coordinate and plan the increasing use of the metric system in the U.S. This September the schools in the diocese will enter the third phase of a four year plan for introducing metrics into the school system. Training programs for intermediate

metric leaders will be conducted in September. Pre and post testing of students at this level will take place during the year.

Parents, as well as educators, have been quick to recognize the significance of the child's early years. Indications of this are manifested in the rising number of prekindergarten programs for three and four year olds in the nation and in our own diocese. Training sessions for teachers in this

area have been given in preparation for the opening of five new programs and the continuation of 28 other previously established programs. At present, COPE (cognitively orientated prekindergarten experience), a nationally validated curriculum, is widely used as the basis for knowing each child's potential for intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth. In addition to this increased emphasis on programs for three and four year olds, four parishes are initiating kindergarten programs this year raising the total of kindergartens in the diocese to over 70.

Another aspect of early childhood education is the growing stress on prekindergarten screening programs. Many educators stress the use of these screening programs because of their importance in determining school

placement. Professionals maintain that as each child is ready for school at different levels, the "school readiness" tests give the educational facility an insight into the perceptual and behavioral stage of each child. Other important objectives of the pre-testing or screening are the early detection of learning disabilities, and the screening of youngsters for their strong and weak points so that the school can gear educational programs to meet the youngsters individual needs. In the diocese, personnel have been developing prekindergarten testing programs. Through this prekindergarten guidance and testing not only do child and school become acquainted long before that traumatic first day of school, but the learning facility is given early direction in the education of that child. This emphasis is part of a renewed emphasis on diagnostic prescriptive teaching.

This fall a newly published Music Resource Book will be used in all schools for the first time. This book, produced by the Interdiocesan Curriculum Committee, will offer an emphasis on liturgical music with stress on music as a form of prayer. Teacher training sessions for this purpose will be given in October for teacher in all schools.

today's society. The content is rooted in scripture and the social documents of the Church. Plans for increased emphasis on teacher preparation in areas of religious instruction include provision for additional inservice in this area this year.

Teachers in our schools help in the formulation of all diocesan curriculum guidelines. Long range plans for curriculum development include the creation of a Math guideline with provision for probability and statistics at all levels. Early Childhood guidelines for three and four year old programs, and a Health guideline.

In addition, the "Education to Justice" curriculum will be continued and expanded in some schools in our diocese. The program is designed to review and renew an understanding of Catholic social principles in relationship to

Blessed Trinity Ready for September

According to Blessed Trinity School there were scholastic reasons to rejoice in 1980. In Mrs. Baaden's Algebra class out of the twenty students who took the ninth grade regents, there were four 100s, one 99, seven 98s, three 96s, four 94s and one 91. Also, Diane Short, a graduate, was named valedictorian of the class of '80 at Auburn High School.

Three faculty members will be attending the Central New York Writing Project Workshop in Baldwinsville from Aug. 11-15, and Sister Walter Anne, SSJ, principal, will be judging the New York State spelling bee final competition during the State Fair in August.

Programming plans are under way to develop close ties between home and school. Sister Mary Ellen, SSJ, counselor, will continue a series of parent education programs during the coming year. The pilot program held

last year has led to inquiries concerning a variety of parent/child inneraction skills. Instruction in Behavior Modification techniques and evaluation of the diverse materials available.

The Home School Association is planning a newsletter to be published bi-monthly. Its purpose is to maintain communication with parents as well as the members of all three supporting parishes. The Association is also considering the possibility of a Spring book fair, to not only offset the rising cost of textbooks, but to supplement the school allotment of federal monies.

The school year will open officially on Aug. 25 with a faculty meeting, followed by a luncheon at the convent. This year for the students there will be an honor role system, a Christmas play for grades K-4, and a musical production for grades 5-8.

Horseheads School Adding Art

Horseheads — St. Mary's Our Mother School will greet 200 students when it opens Sept. 3, according to Sister Catherine Gibbons, principal.

One addition to the program this year, she noted, will be art instruction in all grades, to be provided by a part-time art teacher. The primary grades also will be beginning a new reading program, she said.

And during the fall, sister noted, the school board will be studying the feasibility of adding a kindergarten class to the school, beginning in September 1981.

St. Ann's Adds Second Kindergarten

Hornell — St. Ann's School will have a second session of kindergarten this year for the first time, as 35 youngsters are enrolled, according to Sister Mary Ambrose, St. Ann's principal.

The school also will be continuing its advanced math program, which enabled six eighth grade students to take their ninth-grade Algebra class and Regents exam last year. All six passed, sister noted.

Enrollment for the coming year stands at 243, she reported, about the same as last year.

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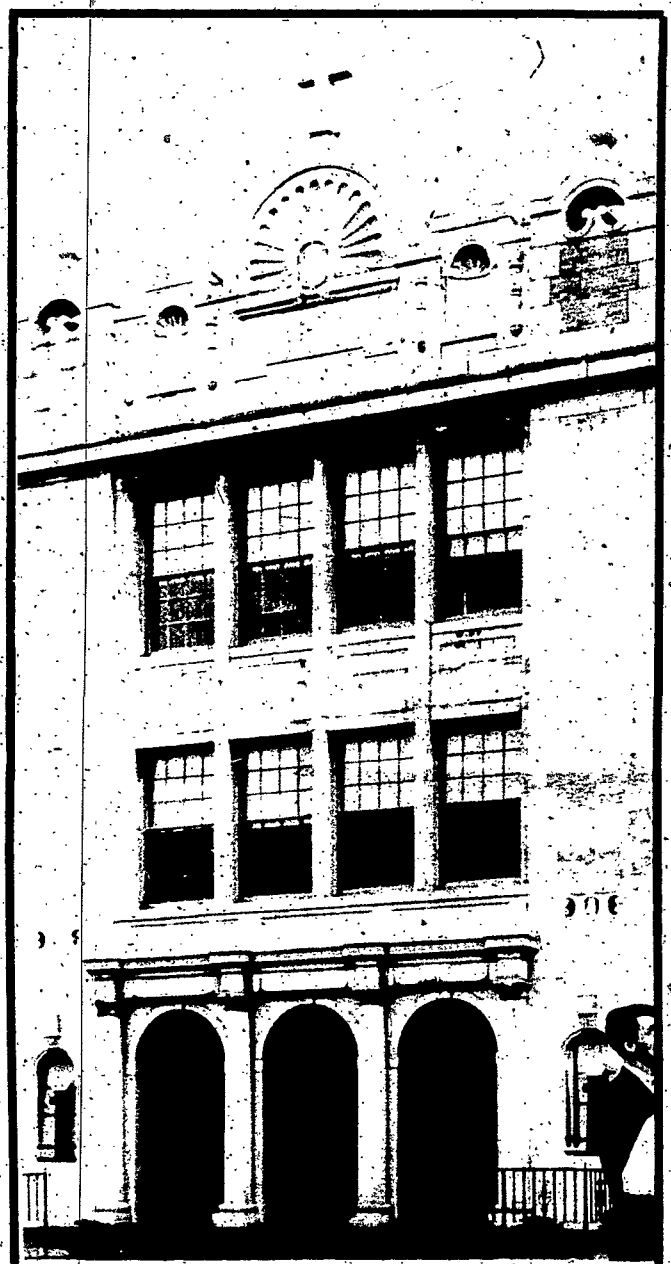
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